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GLASS BASE MATERIAL FOR OPTICAL FIBER

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**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2009, please consider the
following:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.